

BRIBERY INVESTIGATION.

The Massachusetts Senate Investigating Charges of Corruption—The Boston Gas Monopoly.

BOSTON, MASS., May 30.—The largest corruption fund that has been distributed among Massachusetts Legislators for many years has been used during the present session to influence the passage of bills regulating the manufacture of gas. The bribery was so wholesale and so palpable that the Legislature was finally shamed into ordering an investigation. The gas monopoly of Boston is protected by law in this way: A statute requires that no illuminating gas for public consumption shall contain more than ten per cent. of carbonic oxide, and no gas company is allowed to organize with a capital of more than \$500,000. A number of capitalists desired to form a company in Boston for the manufacture of water gas, which contains from twenty-five to thirty per cent. of carbonic oxide. A capital of at least \$2,000,000 was necessary. Of course the proposed changes in the law were opposed by the Boston Gas-Light Company. The monopolists became alarmed, and to gain popular favor reduced the rates from \$1.50 per thousand feet to \$1.50. But in spite of all influence, the bills in favor of the water-gas people passed the House and received two readings in the Senate. When the measure came up for its third reading, the following day, there was an astonishing change of base on the part of several Senators. One or two who had voted in favor of the bill started away. Two others, who had voted the same way, were sent for before that day's session by a well-known railroad president, and on returning to the chamber reversed their votes. Even then the measure had a majority of one, when, to everybody's astonishment, President Bruce directed the clerk to call his name, and he voted against the bill, thus defeating it by a tie vote. There is no question about Bruce's legal right to vote as he did, but his action is probably without precedent in the Massachusetts Senate. There were plenty of stories about giving names and the amounts of bribes, and the matter became so scandalous that the Senate ordered an investigation, but the next day the Senator offering the order motioned a recess for the purpose of making the order include an investigation of bribery in both branches. Thereupon the Senate defeated both orders, and the lobbyists breathed more freely. But this smothering of a rank public scandal raised such a widespread storm of indignation that every Republican Senator began to see that his political life was at stake, and finally the investigation was ordered. Even then it was intended that the inquiry should be as brief and far-reaching as possible, for the Legislature had voted to finish its session right off. Senator Whittier, of Boston, testified that he was offered a bribe of \$1,000 to remain away when the vote on the bill was taken. Senator Norris, who changed his vote from yes to no, said he was influenced by "personal considerations," which he declined to explain. There is much consternation among the lobbyists, for the names of those implicated have not yet been given. The investigation will go on and the Legislature will probably be kept in session a week longer. There are also charges against the water-gas people, but they have not yet been brought out in evidence.

A WRECKED BUILDING.

A Cotton Warehouse at Baltimore Falls and Crushes a Number of People.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—A terrible accident occurred in Hooper's building, No. 37 South Gay street, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Several persons are known to have been crushed to death. The weight of cotton stored in the building caused its collapse. When the front of the building fell in three or four persons were in the counting room and four in the shipping office. There were at least fifteen or twenty in front of the storehouse. Firemen and police are busy engaged in removing the debris in order to get the people out. The crowd around the building and in the vicinity is so great that it is impossible to get particulars at present. The body of Mortimer H. Littlehew, cashier of the house, has been found packed in between several barrels. It was impossible to reach him. A man named Kelly and a colored boy have also been found among the ruins. Up to seven o'clock last evening only the bodies of Littlehew and a colored boy, J. E. Bowen, had been recovered. In addition to those already recovered, a colored porter, is in the work. William H. Corkin, clerk, was caught under the timbers, but was little injured. Dugdale & Long, fertilizer, occupied the front office on the second floor, and Benjamin Greenwood, Gilber, Hook and Kenneth McLea, employees are known to have been there when the crash came. Greenwood reached the wrecked building and was rescued without serious injury; Hook and McLea are still under the debris, the whole of which is filled with gas from the broken pipes. The building was supposed to be one of the most substantial in the city, with heavy side walls and blue stone front. It has been occupied several years by W. E. Hooper & Sons, cotton goods, and an immense stock was stored on five floors. On which floor the break occurred is not known, and all are down from the front to within about forty feet of the rear, which opens on Frederick street. The counting room is in the rear on the first floor, and most persons were there when the break occurred. One-half of the upper front was thrown down, and the remainder is so broken and pushed outward that it is liable to fall at any moment. It was built about twenty-five years ago, and long used as a tobacco house, the ground filled in having once been the river shore. The foundation is said to have settled down, and the immense weight of the goods was the cause of the calamity. It has been ascertained that a colored man named Moulton was in the building at the time of its fall and is supposed to be in the wrecked debris. A man, Noah Martin, was in the building and received a compound fracture of the left leg, and was taken to the city hospital. After midnight a portion of the front wall left standing had to be thrown down, so that the debris may be removed where Hook and McLea fell. Up to eleven last night there was fully one thousand persons about the ruins.

Joe and His Brother Steve.

DUBLIN, GA., May 30.—Joseph and Stephen Padgett, brothers, had a quarrel about a horse Steve had bought for Joe, and for which the latter had refused to give security. The next day Joe and his brother William came to town, and after getting Joe's pistol repaired, they went to Steve's house and demanded settlement for some work done for Steve, and went into the house, and Joe at once began to curse Steve and assaulted and cut him across the hand with a knife, whereupon Steve snatched his gun, which he succeeded in wrenching from his grasp and knocked him out of the house, breaking the gun. Steve then drew his pistol and shot his brother dead.

THE EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Prentice Tiller, The St. Louis Youth Who Was Ambitious to Become a Capitalist on Short Notice, Given Five Years' Seclusion in Which to Inmate Over His Folly.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 27.

When the case of Tiller, the Express robber, was called in the Criminal Court this morning his attorneys pronounced themselves as ready to proceed. The indictment was then read to the prisoner and he was asked to plead. To the astonishment of the Court Tiller answered, without a moment's hesitation: "Guilty, Your Honor!"

There was a sensation succeeding this, but presently Judge Van Wagoner turned in his chair, ordered the prisoner to rise, and sentenced him to five years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary. This is the full penalty of the law for grand larceny.

Mr. McBride, Tiller's attorney, appealed to the court for clemency. This, Judge W. C. Jones, representing the Pacific Express Company, opposed, stating that there was no cause for leniency. The defendant was in the employ of the company in a position of trust and proved himself unworthy of the confidence reposed in him. In the opinion of the prosecution the imposition of a heavy sentence was due the employers and the company. Taking the circumstances into consideration Judge Van Wagoner took the latter view of the case.

Tiller stood before the bar with his head hung down. The news of his arraignment attracted a crowd from the audience-room of the other courts. Several ladies had secured positions in the Circuit Attorney's office in view of the defendant's case. When the sentence was imposed in Judge Van Wagoner's impressive tones, the defendant turned to the other cases as disposed of to-day. He reminded the court that the indictment to which Tiller pleaded covered the offense in its entirety, and a noble pros. of the remaining charges was accordingly suggested, and was granted by the Court. This disposition of the case was made by George H. McFadden to fight his battle single-handed. As Tiller walked back to the dock he was given a lift by his attorney.

After pacing the floor for awhile, he seated himself near the door and pleasantly greeted a reporter. "It's all over now," said he, "and I have nothing to say. I have no complaint whatever to make. I think I have been treated fairly and justly. I don't know whether my plea prevents me from testifying in McFadden's case or not. I expect to go to the Penitentiary, and to serve my time. The sentence of five years will, with good behavior, expire in three years and nine months under the three-fourths rule. The other charges against me have been made good, as the indictment to which I pleaded guilty covered all the amounts mentioned in the other cases." To-day Tiller showed none of that swaggering confidence which was said to characterize his movements soon after his arrest. He was quite polite and pleasant, and in return for a pleasant word spoken by one of the Deputy Sheriffs, Tiller returned his thanks and gave next expression to his gratitude for the kindly wish. Tiller will probably go to the Penitentiary Saturday, unless he is detained by Lawyer McBride for the McFadden case. McFadden was jointly indicted with Tiller and awaits a hearing on the indictment for embezzlement and grand larceny. Speaking of this case Mr. McBride said: "We intend to fight that out when it comes up, but in the meantime this boy will go to the Penitentiary."

TILLER'S CRIME.

It will be remembered that on Sunday afternoon, March 9, Prentice Tiller, then in the employ of the Pacific Express Company, carried away from the Express office a satchel or satchels filled with money packages. He remained in hiding until Monday night, when he started for Chicago, passing through the Chicago and going thence to Milwaukee. The rewards offered for his arrest amounted to nearly \$12,000. He was captured Thursday morning, March 13, at Milwaukee, and was returned to this city the next day and held by the company until Saturday, when he made a desperate effort to escape from the Lindell Hotel, and was then jailed. Tiller was jointly indicted with one McFadden, who obtained Canada. The Express Company recovered nearly all the stolen money, amounting to about \$75,000.

THE EDUCATIONAL BILL.

Representative Willis of Kentucky, Has Hopes of Getting Action in the House on This Important Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.

Mr. Willis, of Kentucky, the author of the House educational bill, hopes to get that subject before the House for its action this week. Now that the bulk of the appropriation bills are off the hands of the House, it is inclined to turn its attention to some of the more important measures before it, which are for the good of the general public. In fact, the leading members recognize the necessity for doing something. Almost six months of the session have passed, and it is difficult to point out any general measure of importance, aside from the pleuro-pneumonia bill, and one or two others of a general nature, that have passed the House. The general impression among the friends of the educational bill is that it will meet with serious opposition at the House end of the Capitol. It was pretty thoroughly discussed in the Senate, and the prospect that the bill may become a law seems to be very good.

The State Savings Banks, St. Joseph.

At a meeting of depositors of the State Savings Bank, M. A. Read, attorney of the bank, made a statement of its condition, showing \$80,000 in the vault, \$65,000 collected by assignee, \$100,000 to the credit of the bank in Chicago and St. Louis; overdrafts, good, \$35,000. He read a telegram from President France at New York that he had realized \$200,000 in cash and \$55,000 in bonds and left for home last night. About 200 depositors were present. Most of them are quiet and have confidence.

Corn and Oats for Horses.

Corn is deficient in many of the elements of nutrition so necessary for recuperating the constant wear and tear which necessarily takes place in the body of the living animal. On this account, horses which are exclusively fed on corn and hay do not receive that kind of nourishment which appears necessary for the due support and maintenance of the animal fabric; hence, we must not be surprised that corn-fed horses show evidence of being languid, by sweating profusely while being worked, lack of vitality, etc. Oats, on the contrary, contain more of the essential elements of nutrition than any other article of food which can be fed with impunity to horses, and are decidedly the most nutritious. They are the cheapest, because there is less risk in feeding them, and experience has proved that horses properly fed on oats and timothy hay, with regular exercise, good grooming and proper sanitary regulations, can be brought to the highest state of physical culture, and can perform more work with less evidence of fatigue than when fed on any other article of food.—Farm, Field and Fireside.

Trouble Expected.

Struggling Surgeon—"No, dear, I cannot go calling with you to-night." His Wife—"But you promised that you would." "I know it, dear, but our finances are very low and I must not lose a chance to get a fee."

"But what chance will you lose? No patients have sent to you for a week." "I know it, dear, but I expect to be summoned for a very important surgical case, perhaps a broken leg, before the evening is over."

"Where are you going?" "Across the water. Mrs. Brown over there is house cleaning, and I just saw Mr. Brown going home with a step-ladder."

CURE OF FEVER AND AGUE.

HACKENSACK, N. J., February 25th, 1884.

I have been troubled with Fever and Ague for upwards of two years. I have taken about three pounds of quinine, but I could not shake off the shakes. One day, finding myself very constipated, I took six BRANDETT'S PILLS, and to my surprise they acted very fully. To my surprise I did not have any chills the next day; so I took six more Pills the next night. On the following morning I found myself much stronger and with considerable appetite, and no Ague. I continued taking the Pills for two days, when I found myself entirely well, and have remained so ever since.

C. VEELELAND.

POESLAM, St. LAWRENCE CO., N. Y., February 5, 1884.

Some two months ago I was afflicted with inflammation of the eyes. I was confined to the house and compelled to stay in a dark room. Being so confined I was attacked with Fever and Ague. My physician dosed me with quinine until my hearing was affected and still every seven days another attack would come on. Meanwhile, I was afraid I would lose my eyesight. In this awful condition, my father advised me to take eleven BRANDETT'S PILLS at night. They acted very powerfully, and then I felt weak, but I was much better. I passed four very bilious stools. The next night I took four more Pills. These acted but twice. My eyes were very much better. I continued taking three every night for a week, when I returned to work, entirely well. My eyes required a shade for about a month. I had no more Fever and Ague.

W. B. LEAHY.

A SOCIETY of women, organized to make up clothing for the poor, is a sew-shall club that should be encouraged.—Norristown Herald.

AMERICAN woman are said to be the most clever, active, and energetic to be found; and well they need to be, considering the enormous demands made upon them by modern schools, house-keeping and society. Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, in preparing her celebrated Vegetable Compound, had in mind all these countless demands on a woman's strength, and her well known remedy proves every day its perfect adaptation to woman's special needs.

A SMALL Sloop has plenty of elbow-room in a narrow-minded man.—Whitehall Times.

If you want a fine looking Face, and a Skin that is clear, Use "BRONSON'S Sulphur Soap"; all Traces of Disease will disappear. Sold by druggists, etc., everywhere.

FROM the exorbitant prices paid prima donna, "Eighty-four" would be the proper name for grand opera.—Boston Courier.

PAPILLON Blood Cure is a specific for all diseases of the Blood, Liver, Stomach, Bowels and Kidneys—absolutely vegetable, containing only a small percentage of spirit.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, June 3, 1884.	
CATTLE—Shipping Steers.....	46 15 @ 46 40
Butcher's Steers.....	45 00 @ 45 50
Native Cows.....	4 00 @ 4 25
HOGS—Good to choice.....	5 25 @ 6 00
Light.....	5 00 @ 5 10
WHEAT—No. 1.....	1 02 @ 1 03
No. 2.....	84 1/2 @ 85 1/2
RYE—No. 1.....	40 @ 41
CORN—No. 2.....	45 @ 47
OATS—No. 2.....	28 @ 29 1/2
RYE—Fancy, per sack.....	2 25 @ 2 40
HAY—Car load, bright.....	7 00 @ 7 50
WHEAT—No. 1, choice.....	11 @ 12
EGGS—Choice.....	10 @ 12
PORK—Hams.....	12 @ 13 1/2
Shoulders.....	7 1/2 @ 9 1/2
Sides.....	9 1/2 @ 9 3/4
LARD.....	9 @ 10
WOOL—New washed.....	15 @ 18
POTATOES—Per bushel.....	45 @ 50
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Shipping Steers.....	5 00 @ 6 40
Butcher's Steers.....	5 40 @ 6 35
HOGS—Good to choice.....	5 25 @ 5 50
SHRIMP—Fair to choice.....	2 50 @ 3 50
CITRON—Middling to choice.....	3 75 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	1 08 @ 1 10 1/2
No. 3.....	78 @ 80
No. 2 Spring.....	84 @ 86
OATS—No. 2.....	30 @ 31
RYE—No. 2.....	40 @ 42
PORK—New Mess.....	15 75 @ 16 25
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Exports.....	6 40 @ 7 50
HOGS—Good to choice.....	5 40 @ 5 70
CITRON—Middling to choice.....	3 75 @ 4 50
FLOUR—Good to choice.....	4 50 @ 5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	1 04 @ 1 04 1/2
No. 3.....	1 03 @ 1 04
CORN—No. 2 Spring.....	40 @ 41 1/2
OATS—Western mixed.....	29 @ 30
POIK—Standard No. 1.....	27 50 @ 27 75

PRESIDENTIAL FAVORITES.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning the Men Who Stand Next to the Chief Executive.

Visitors who, from curiosity or business, have called at the White House, must have been impressed by the courteous yet systematic manner with which they were received and escorted through the mansion. The gentlemen whose duty it is to receive all persons coming to the White House are Colonel E. S. Denmore, Mr. John T. Rickard and Mr. T. F. Pendel, and they have occupied their present positions through the various administrations since and even during the war. Mr. Pendel was President Lincoln's body-guard; save that his carriage the fatal night on which he visited Ford's theater, and he now has in his possession the blood-stained coat which Mr. Lincoln wore on that memorable occasion. There is not a public man in America today who does not know, and who is not known by, these gentlemen, and the reminiscences of public and social life which they can recall are of a most sensational volume. 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